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HERBERT W. GILLIKIN, 32°
Newly Elected Venerable Master,
New Bern Lodge of Perfection No. 6,
for the year 1957-58.

**Maundy Thursday
Celebration, April 18, 1957**

**Easter Morning
Observance, April 21, 1957**

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SCOTTISH RITE ACTIVITIES

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Wilson, N. C. April 3rd

Regular meeting and Party Nights April 8th and May 13

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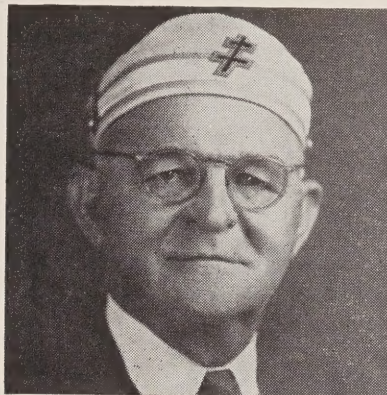
Easter Service—Relighting Lights April 21st

All Scottish Rite Masons are cordially invited to attend.

REUNION—NEW BERN SCOTTISH RITE BODIES APRIL 9th, 10th, 11th, 1957



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C. A. SEIFERT, 33°

SECRETARY'S PAGE

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Individual effort:—You probably remember the day you were first approached to become a member of the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies and after initiation you expressed yourself regarding the great impression the degrees made on you and how beautiful they were; you further resolved to turn over a new leaf and try to be a better man, renew your interest in Masonry and persuade others to become Scottish Rite Masons also. The above may not apply to everyone but I believe it does to most of you. I wonder if you have cashed in on all these splendid promises? Have you as an individual member secured any petitions? Have you used any of your persuasive ability on a fellow Master Mason to become a member of the New Bern Consistory? Have you told the story to anyone who is eligible to join? Remember some brother sold you on the idea so do unto others as has been done unto you. I know you are conscious you've got the best Masonry can give you so why not pass this on to a worthy brother? The real test of a good salesman is his ability to tell the truth about his product and you don't have to be super smart to do this with Scottish Rite. Build up confidence in yourself and GET A CANDIDATE. Thank you.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Charles Seifert

Secretary

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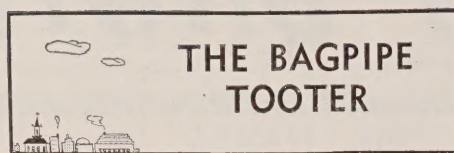
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Let us be of good cheer, however, remembering that the misfortunes hardest to bear are those which never come.

Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us or we find it not.

Speak when you're angry and you'll make the best speech you'll ever regret.

Our well known "Uncle Charlie" was teaching his wife, Mrs. Seifert, to drive when the brakes suddenly failed on a steep hill grade. "I can't stop," she shrieked. "What'll I do?" "Brace yourself," advised "Uncle Charlie" with fear and trembling, "and try to hit something cheap."

Willie arrived home with two black eyes.

"Fighting again!" said his mother. "Didn't I tell you that when you are angry you should count a hundred before you do anything?"

"Yes, I know," replied Willie, "but the other boy's mother told him only to count fifty."

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"What'll you do, little girl, when you're as big as your mother?"
"Diet!"

I cannot give you the formula for success, but I can give you the formula for failure: Try to please everybody.

A man's most precious possession is his courage. No matter how black things seem, if you have courage, darkness can be overcome.

FOUR THINGS

Four things a man must learn to do
If he would make his record true:
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To love his fellow men sincerely;
To act from honest motives purely;
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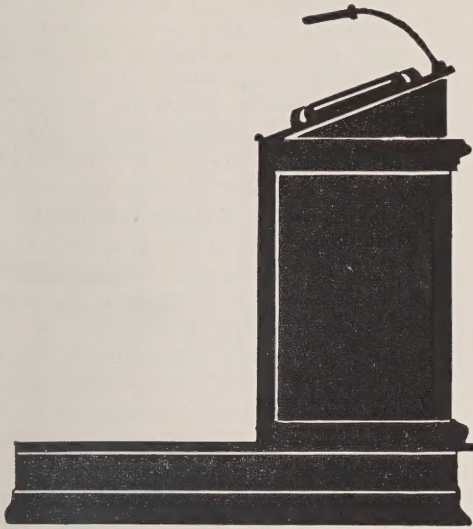
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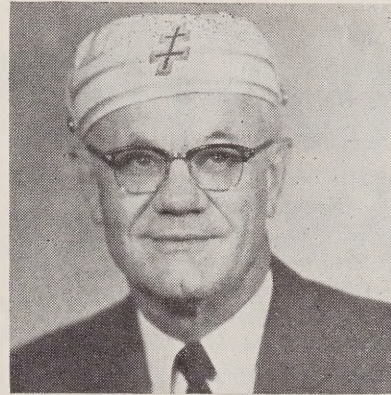
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From The Classroom

BY R. L. PUGH, 33°, CLASS LECTURER

On Wednesday morning, March 27, 1957 a carload of brethren from New Bern including Lester H. Gillikin, 32°, Benjamin F. Gillikin, 33°, Alfred A. Kafer, Jr., 33°, Eddie W. Paul, 33°, and Charles T. Midgett, 33°, went to Enfield to visit the brethren of the Scottish Rite Bodies in that community on the occasion of their Spring Reunion.

There are two Bodies of the Scottish Rite located in Enfield. One is the Joseph Montfort Lodge of Perfection with Brother Wade Dickens, 32°, KCCH, as the Venerable Master, The William R. Davie Chapter of Rose Croix, with Brother V. E. Boomer, 32°, KCCH, as the Wise Master and Most Worshipful Brother Watson N. Sherrod, 33°, as Secretary.

The degrees began in the morning with Brother Raymond M. Sykes as Master of the 4°, Brother Tom R. Easterling, Master of the 5°, and Albert Hill, Master of the 6°. These were followed in the afternoon by three other degrees, the 9°, the 10°, and the 14°, the 9° with Brother J. Howard Brown, 33°, Master, the 10° with Brother R. L. Dunn, as Master, and the 14° with Brother Wade H. Dickens, 32°, KCCH, as Master.

In the evening two additional degrees, the 15° and the 18°, were conferred, with Brother Boomer in charge of the 15° and Brother C. D. Graham in charge of the 18°.

The event of the day, however, came off at 4:30 in the afternoon with the unveiling of the portrait of Past Grand Master Watson N. Sherrod, 33°. This was a most impressive occasion indeed. The auditorium of the Masonic Temple was thrown

open and an excellent representation of Brother Sherrod's friends was present, both men and women. As a matter of fact, approximately 300 persons were present for the occasion, among them being six past grand masters of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. It was reported also that the number of 33° Masons present for this occasion was probably the largest gathering of this auspicious group as has been held in North Carolina.

At the beginning of the service, Brother Sherrod and his charming wife received a standing ovation as they made their way down the aisle to the seats reserved for them on the front row beside their son, Watson, Jr. The service began with the singing of the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" and followed by the invocation by the Reverend P. F. Newton. Brother Wade Dickens, 32°, KCCH, was the Master of Ceremonies for the occasion and stated the purpose of the meeting after he had extended a hearty greeting to everyone present. Following this, the group sang "Oh, God, Our Help in Ages Past." Then came the very beautiful solo by Mrs. Samuel Beavans. Mrs. Eugene H. Wood served as pianist for the occasion.

Brother George R. Bennett, 33°, Superintendent of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home of Greensboro, a native of Enfield, and a long time friend of Brother Sherrod then presented a resume of the life of Brother Sherrod. This short biography was so interesting that we are repeating it at the end of this article exactly as Brother Bennett gave it. Then came the moment for which everyone had

been waiting when Brother Watson N. Sherrod, Jr. unveiled the portrait of his father. The portrait was an excellent work of art, an oil painting done by an artist who captured every detail of Brother Sherrod's personality in a vivid and striking manner. Apparently it seemed that Brother Sherrod's portrait was ready to speak forth on this occasion.

Reverend J. Felix Arnold then presented a solo, "The Lord's Prayer." Following this, Brother Bennett then went into a list of the visiting brethren who had come to Enfield for this delightful occasion. The list was so long and so imposing that no effort will be made here to reproduce it. Sufficient to say that if the number present was a fair sampling of the friendships Brother Sherrod has been able to establish in a long career in Masonry in North Carolina then surely he and his family are indeed proud of what must be a multitude of friendships.

The Sovereign Grand Inspector General of North Carolina, Illustrious Brother Thomas J. Harkins, was represented by Most Worshipful Brother Maxwell E. Hoffman who was recognized and who spoke for all of the visiting brethren.

Benediction for the occasion was delivered by the Reverend Robert E. Davis of Scotland Neck.

It should also be recorded that during the ceremony prior to the unveiling of the portrait and immediately following the exemplification of the 14° the brethren from the Raleigh Bodies were asked to be recognized and they then presented a very fine gift to Brother Sherrod. Bro-

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Watson Newberry Sherrod

Venerable Master, Ladies and Brethren:

I consider it a great honor to have been selected to present this paper about one of my very best friends, Watson Newberry Sherrod.

Watson was born in Martin County, North Carolina. With his parents he moved to Enfield in 1910. He was educated in the public schools, Trinity Park School in Durham, and the University of North Carolina. In 1918, he was married to Miss Ruth B. Wood, and they have one son, Watson, Jr. His family life is ideal, and friends from far and near have enjoyed the warm welcome and gracious hospitality of their charming home.

He was raised a Master Mason in Enfield Lodge in 1917, and in 1921 was unanimously elected Worshipful Master of his Lodge. For 38 years he has attended the annual communications of the Grand Lodge, and his worth to Masonry was fittingly recognized in 1928, when Past Grand Master, Raymond C. Dunn, appointed him Grand Steward. On April 21, 1937 he was unanimously elevated to the highest office in the gift of the Masons of North Carolina, when he was elected Grand Master. In reporting on his year's work, the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge said:

"We desire to congratulate the Grand Master upon his successful administration of the affairs of the Grand Lodge, and to commend him for the excellent work which he has done during the year. He has given freely of his time and talent, and by his very earnestness and sincerity of purpose has made a strong appeal to the Masons in every District of the state—and he visited all of them. He performed his duties with ability and dispatch."

Brother Sherrod has been an active member of the York Rite Bodies for the past thirty-nine years, and in 1934 was unanimously elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Carolina, which office he filled with distinction. For the same number of years he has been a member of Sudan Shrine, A.A.O.N.M.S.

After receiving the Scottish Rite degrees in Joseph Montfort Lodge of Perfection and William R. Davie Chapter of Rose Croix here in Enfield, he received the Thirty-second degree in New Bern Consistory in 1918. As in the York Rite, so in the Scottish, he was early recognized as a leader and recognition was accorded him by the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry when in Washington, D. C. on October 16, 1923, he was exalted to the



WATSON N. SHERROD, 33°, Secretary,
Enfield Scottish Rite Bodies,
Enfield, N. C.

rank of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. As a further evidence of the high esteem in which he was held by the Scottish Rite Masons of the Southern Jurisdiction, on October 23, 1937, he was invested with the Thirty-Third degree and was proclaimed an Inspector General Honorary, and an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

Despite the fact that he has been highly honored by the Masons of North Carolina, and the members of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, he does not deem it derogatory to his rank and titles to serve in any subordinate position in the local Masonic Bodies. In addition to many other positions held by him, he has served as Secretary of the Enfield Scottish Rite Bodies for many years.

Our good friend, Watson, has done many, many, wonderful things for and with the Masons in the Valley of Enfield, but in my opinion the grandest was the purchase of this Masonic Temple when it was sold at public auction in 1946. He paid the purchase price out of his own pocket and, in 1947, not only turned it over to the Scottish Rite Bodies at cost, but donated also to the Bodies, the Temple Bonds owned by him. Under his leadership as Secretary the Bodies have paid for the Temple and, in addition, they have raised and used in repairs on the building more than seventeen thousand dollars. Believe it or not, they now

have more than six thousand five hundred dollars in the treasury!

As Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge for the past thirteen years, he has rendered invaluable service to the Masons of North Carolina. That in itself is enough for one Mason, but he also has other duties . . . he is a member of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge, a member of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Masonic Foundation, Inc., a member of the Lodge Service Commission, and Chairman of the Committee that is erecting the Grand Lodge Office Building in Raleigh, N. C. He does an excellent job wherever you find him.

Brother Sherrod has always displayed an active interest in the civic affairs of his town, and has been outstanding in the work of the Methodist Church. He has served faithfully as one of its stewards, and has filled many places of importance on the official board. He even delights in doing the cooking in the kitchen of his church, which is further proof of his love for his fellowman.

Masonry in all its degrees and in its noblest aspirations has found in Watson Sherrod a worthy exponent; and its practical life, its charities, its ministrations, its brotherly love, has always sought and found an abiding place in his noble heart. His friendships are deep, firm, and unchanging. His sense of duty is high, exacting, and unrelaxed. He is ever firm, constant, faithful, and true. Cheerful, kind, considerate, loving and loved.

Watson and I have been closely associated for the past forty-three years. As my memory wanders back over the many happy experiences we have enjoyed together . . .

"There's a comforting thought at the close of the day

When I am weary and lonely and sad,
That sort of grips hold of my crusty old heart,

And bids it be merry and glad;
It gets in my soul and it drives out the blues,

And finally thrills me through and through—

It's quite a sweet memory that chants the refrain",

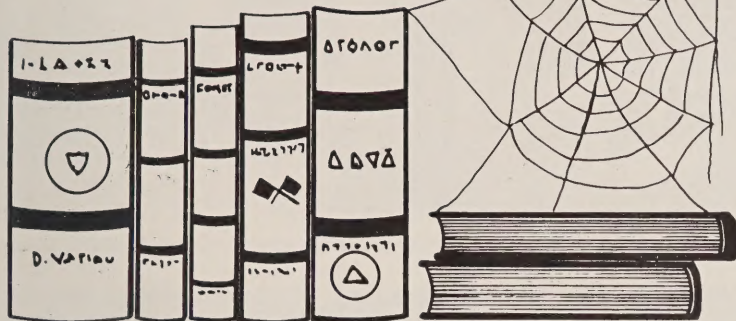
Watson, "I'm glad I touched shoulders with you."

By GEORGE R. BENNETT, 33°

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There is another word from which some say Elohim is derived. It is "Alah", which is said to mean to declare or swear. Thus it is said to imply a covenant relationship. Before examining this derivation, however, it may be well to say that in either case, whether El or Alah, the idea of omnipotence in God is expressed. To make a covenant implies the power and right to do so, and it establishes the fact of "absolute authority in the Creator and Ruler of the universe." So the Elohim is seen making a covenant with Abraham, and because there is none greater He swears by Himself. "By myself I have sworn." In Genesis 17 we see perhaps a combination of both of these derivations. In verse one, we have "I am the Almighty God (El-Shaddai); walk before me, and be thou perfect"; in verse seven: "I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be to thee Elohim and to thy seed after thee"—that is to be with them in covenant relationship.

It is the Elohim who says to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before me." But He cannot completely destroy the work of His hands concerning which he has made a covenant and so He continues: "But with thee I will establish my covenant" (Gen. 6:18). "And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh."

The Elohim remembers Abraham when he destroys the cities of the plain and for His covenant's sake spares Lot. Joseph on his deathbed declares to his brethren: "I die; but Elohim will surely visit you, and bring you up out of this land unto the land which he swore to Abraham, to

Isaac, and to Jacob." He is the Elohim who keeps the covenant and loving kindness with His servants who walk before Him with all their hearts. (I Kings 8:23).

With regard to Israel, over and over again it is written, "I shall be unto you for Elohim and ye shall be unto me for a people". The covenant element in this name is clearly seen because of God's covenant relationship to Israel, and this is especially brought out in such a passage as Jeremiah 31:33 and 32:40, where the name Elohim is used in connection with that new covenant, an everlasting covenant, which God will one day make with his people Israel when He will put His law and His fear within their hearts.

To Israel in distress comes the word, "Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people, said your Elohim" (Isa. 40:1). For the eternal God who covenants for and with them will keep His covenant.

There is one other striking peculiarity in the name Elohim. It is in the plural. It has the usual Hebrew ending for all masculine nouns in the plural. Two centuries ago, a great Hebrew scholar, Dr. Parkhurst defined the word Elohim as a name usually given in scriptures to the ever blessed Trinity by which they represent themselves as under the obligations of an oath to perform certain conditions. According to this definition the Elohim covenanted not only with the creation, but as the Godhead, within itself, concerning the creation. This is seen from Psalm 110 where David says concerning his Lord, the coming anointed One or Messiah; "The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek". This is of course, as the book of Hebrews confirms, the Lord Jesus Christ (Mashiach Jeshua), the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, the first and the last,

the eternally begotten Son of God, the object of God's love before the foundation of the world (John 17:24); who shared God's glory before the world was. Colossians 1:16 tells us that by Him, or in Him were all things created. But the creation is the act of the Elohim. Therefore, Christ is the Elohim of the Godhead. Then even in Genesis 1:3 we read that the spirit of the Elohim moved or brooded over the face of the waters. The entire creation, animate and inanimate, was, then, not only the work of the Elohim, but the object of a covenant within the Elohim guaranteeing its redemption and perpetuation. It is quite clear that the Elohim is a plurality in unity. Accordingly Jehovah is at the beginning of creation called Elohim, which implies that divine persons had sworn when they created".

It is significant that although plural in form it is constantly accompanied by verbs and adjectives in the singular. In the very first verse of Genesis the verb create is singular, and so all through the chapter and indeed through the Bible. In

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many places (as Deut. 32:39; Isa. 45:5, 22, etc.) we find singular pronouns. "I am Elohim and there is no Elohim beside me". Other places in the scriptures II Kings 19:4, 16—Psalms 7:9; 57:2, etc.) use adjectives in the singular with Elohim. In contrast with this, when the word elohim is used of the heathen gods, plural and adjectives are used, as in Samuel 4:8, etc. Then again this one Elohim speaks of Himself as Us, as in Genesis 1:26, "Let us make man in our image"; in Genesis 3:22, which speaks of man becoming like one of us; in 11:7 God says "Let us go down and confound their language." In Genesis 35:7 Jacob builds an altar at Bethel, calling it El Beth-El, the God of the House of God because there the Elohim revealed themselves to Him. Ecclesiastes 12:1 is rather, "Remember thy Creators"—plural, not singular. To the Sovereign Lord of the universe, the Jehovah of Hosts, whom Isaiah saw exalted high upon a throne, is ascribed the three-fold "Holy," and that same One from the throne calls to the prophet "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" So instances could be multiplied.

There are some who object to the idea of the Trinity in the word Elohim, and it is only fair to say that some conservative scholars as well as liberal and critical would not agree with it. They say that the plural is only the plural of majesty such as used by rulers and kings. But such use of the plural was not known then. We find no king of Israel speaking of himself as "we" or "us". Besides the singular pronoun is so often used with Elohim. To be consistent with that view we should always find not "I am your Elohim", as we do find but "We are your Elohim".

With Elohim the plural form teaches us that no finite word can adequately convey the idea of the infinite personality or the unity of persons in the Godhead.

Certainly the use of the word in the plural is wonderfully consistent with that great and precious doctrine of the Trinity, and its use as already shown in the Old Testament surely must confirm that view.

There is blessing and comfort in this great name of God signifying supreme power, sovereignty, and the glory on the one hand, for "Thine (Elohim) is the power and the kingdom and the glory"; and on the other hand signifying a covenant relationship which He is ever faithful to keep. Thus He says to us "I will be to you a God" (Elohim), and we may say "My God (Elohim); in Him will I trust". (Ps. 91:2).

—TOM MCCREA.

Cherry Point, N. C.—Ladies' Night Party, March 8, 1957



Ed P. Blair, 33°, of Vanceboro, N. C. telling the guests about "Scottish Rite Masonry".



Cherry Point Guests enjoying the delicious dinner!

The first Spring activity of the New Bern Consistory was in the form of a Ladies' Night Party at the Civilian Cafeteria at Cherry Point, Marine Air Base. Through the kindness of General Montgomery we were able to have the party on the Base. 291 people were present consisting of Scottish Rite members, their ladies and prospective members. The meeting was presided over by Brother Lambert Morris of Atlantic, N. C., who acted as Toastmaster. Chaplain P. E. Black of the United States Navy rendered the Invocation and the Address of Welcome was given by our Secretary, Brother Charlie Seifert.

After a sumptuous meal vocal selections were rendered by Mrs. James A. West and Brother August H. Laube accompanied by Mrs. Garrason Farrow at the piano; then humorous imitations were given by Mr. Ed Bloomberg. All this was thoroughly enjoyed by those present as evi-

denced by repeated applause. The speaker of the evening, Brother E. P. Blair, 33°, was introduced by Reverend R. H. Lucas of Plymouth, N. C. with humorous remarks and much emphasis after which Brother Blair spoke on the merits of Scottish Rite Masonry and why every Master Mason should do his best to acquire the degrees and thereby increase his knowledge of Masonry; to reach the very summit of Masonic understanding, to absorb its teachings, to acquire additional and more useful working tools and to master those virtues which every true Mason should try to make a part of his being, so that when called to his final accounting he would measure up to those specifications set by the Grand Master of the Universe, win His approval and hear those welcome words, "Well done good and faithful servant, enter thus into the Joy of the Lord." Brother Ed was heartily applauded for his fine discourse, the party was thoroughly enjoyed and was one of the very best ever held by the New Bern Consistory.

INTRODUCING OUR THIRTY-THIRDS

An honest man is the noblest work of God. The above photograph represents one of New Bern Consistory's best loved members, and one in whom we repose our utmost confidence and who when called upon to perform a duty never fails to respond. He has received a long list of Masonic honors and is one of our most outstanding members. Ben is full of pep and never loses an opportunity to promote the interests of Masonry and we all consider him one of the real assets of the New Bern Consistory.

He was born in New Bern, North Carolina, on May 25, 1908 and was married to Anna Louise Badham of St. George, South Carolina. They have two children: a son, Benjamin F., Jr., who is married and attending North Carolina State College in Raleigh; a daughter, Anna Badham, who is a freshman at New Bern High School.

In July 1932 Ben was initiated into Doric Lodge, and received the Scottish Rite Degrees at the Fall Reunion in 1932. He is Past Master of all four Scottish Rite Bodies; has been Master of the Fifth



BENJAMIN F. GILLIKIN, 33°
New Bern, N. C.

Degree for twenty-four years and is active in the Ninth, Fourteenth, Thirty-First and Thirty-Second Degrees; he serves in an advisory capacity as a member of the Stage Crew, received New Bern Consistory Award Medal for Fall Reunion in 1933; and has been a member of the Sudan Shrine Patrol since 1932.

Ben has been Chairman of the Masonic Theatre Committee for the past fifteen years; served as a member of Special Building Committee for the construction of the new Scottish Rite Temple, and at present, is serving on the regular Building Committee.

He received the Investiture of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in Washington, D. C. in October 1939, and was coronetted a Thirty-Third Degree Mason in Washington, D. C. in October 1951.

Ben is Manager for the New Bern Local Office of the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina, serving the area of Craven, Jones and Pamlico Counties, and is a communicant of Christ Episcopal Church in New Bern.

Maundy Thursday

8:00 P. M., APRIL 18, 1957

Easter Sunday

8:00 A. M., APRIL 21, 1957

New Bern Chapter Knights Rose Croix No. 5, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Scottish Rite Temple, New Bern, N. C.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 18, 1957—8:00 P. M.

Tenebrae

"It is the hour when the veil of the Temple was rent in twain; when darkness reigned and construction oppressed all the earth; when the Flaming Star was eclipsed and the shadow overcame the Light; when the Columns, and Working Tools of the old Masonry were shattered, and when the Cubical Stone sweated water and blood; the instant when the Word was lost."

Call of Chapter—To Labor

Edward C. Howard, 32°, Wise Master, Presiding

Prayer—W. L. Adams, 32°

Remarks

"Calvary"

Address—J. W. H. Roberts, 32°

Call of Chapter—To Refreshment

Mystic Banquet

Ceremony of Extinguishing the Lights

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 21, 1957—8:00 A. M.

BREAKFAST

Lux e Tenebris

"THE MOMENT when the word was received; when the Cubical Stone was changed into the Mystic Rose; when the Blazing Star re-appeared in all its splendor, the Columns of the Temple were re-established and the Working Tools of Masonry were restored; when the True Light dispelled the Darkness, and the New Law began to rule upon the earth."

Call of Chapter—To Labor

Edward C. Howard, 32°, Wise Master, Presiding

Remarks

Call of Chapter—To Refreshment

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SCENES FROM LADIES NIGHT PARTY, WASHINGTON, N. C., MARCH 13, 1957



1. Edward Bloomberg giving his "Humorous Imitations". 2. Washington Quartet composed of Barstow Houston, Jr., Ward Marslender, Charlie Mike Smith and Will Jenkins. 3. Mrs. Frances Maddaford Whitney, Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. William G. Porter, hold the crowd spellbound! 4. Our Secretary, Charlie Seifert, 33°, and Mrs. Seifert. 5. Speaker for the evening, Ed P. Blair, 33°. 6. Dr. L. H. Swindell, Sr. giving the Address of Welcome. 7. Part of the huge crowd attending the party—a good time was had by all!

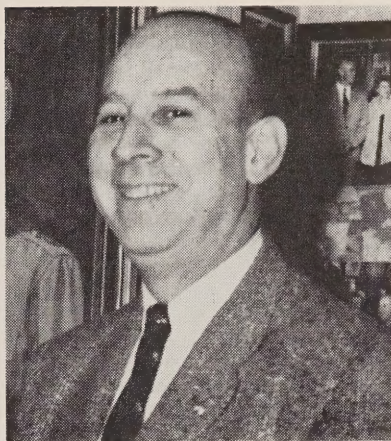
Scottish Rite Ladies' Night, Washington, N. C. March 13th, 1957

In accordance with promoting activity among the various cities within the jurisdiction of New Bern Consistory our second Ladies' Night Party was held in the lovely dining room of Washington Lodge No. 675, A.F.&A.M at 7:00 o'clock Wednesday night, March 13th, 1957. Brother Lewis H. Swindell, Jr., 32°, acted as Toastmaster in a very capable manner and the invocation was given by Rev. Wm. P. Burns. After a very delightful dinner the address of welcome was given by Dr. L. H. Swindell, Sr.

Vocal and instrumental solos were rendered by Mrs. Frances Whitney of Have-lock, N. C. and humorous imitations were given by Mr. Edward Bloomberg of New Bern, N. C., also vocal selections were given by the Washington High School quartette which was outstanding. The entire entertainment was of outstanding calibre and all who participated were given prolonged applause. The Quartet consisted of the following High School students: Barstow Houston, Jr., Ward Marslender, Charlie Mike Smith and Will Jenkins.

The speaker of the evening was introduced by the Rev. R. H. Lucas, 32°, K.C. C.H., with appropriate and timely remarks after which Brother Blair, 33°, gave his usual fine talk on reasons why all Master Masons should strive and do their best to take the degrees. His message was outstanding and the entire audience listened with rapt attention to his every word. Brother Ed is one of the finest speakers we have ever heard and the New Bern Consistory is indeed fortunate to have him as one of our members.

This Washington party was one of the very best and most thoroughly enjoyed activities ever held in this fine city. The rapt attention of those present; the good fellowship which prevailed and the friendly atmosphere made this gathering really outstanding.



ED. W. WALLNAU, 32°

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be of wonderful service to you in many ways. As a Scottish Rite Mason you'll really rate with Ed and if you should run into any difficulty Brother Ed is the one to contact. You'll get a big kick out of knowing him and he in turn will get a similar kick out of knowing you. Ed knows all the kinks and curlicues of the big city and can make your visit to our biggest metropolis much more interesting and worthwhile.

If you can't get a reservation in New York when planning a visit, see Ed and if you are a member of the New Bern Consistory he will always find a place for you. Let him be of service to you and I know you'll have the biggest and best time you've ever had. His address is Hotel Piccadilly, 227 West 45th Street at Broadway, right in the heart of the theatre district.

By C. A. SEIFERT, 33°

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REPORT ON SCOTTISH RITE DEEP THERAPY X-RAY MACHINE

New Bern, N. C., March 16, 1957

Mrs. Helen Kafer
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Dear Mrs. Kafer:

In response to your request for some analysis of the activity of our therapy apparatus, I have made a brief review of our previous cases, and I have learned some rather amazing things that I feel will be of interest to you.

We have, to date, accepted 341 patients for x-ray therapy. It was a real surprise to me to learn that 170 of these did not have cancer in any sense of the word, but were truly benign diseases that are known to respond favorably to x-ray therapy. Well over half of these were treated with high kilovoltage (so called, deep therapy) roentgentherapy.

The terms superficial and deep therapy are greatly misleading since they refer only to the physical characteristics of the equipment and the beam used, which usually affects the depth dose. Roentgen unit for roentgen unit, there is no difference in the effect on disease, benign or malignant, whether superficial or deep.

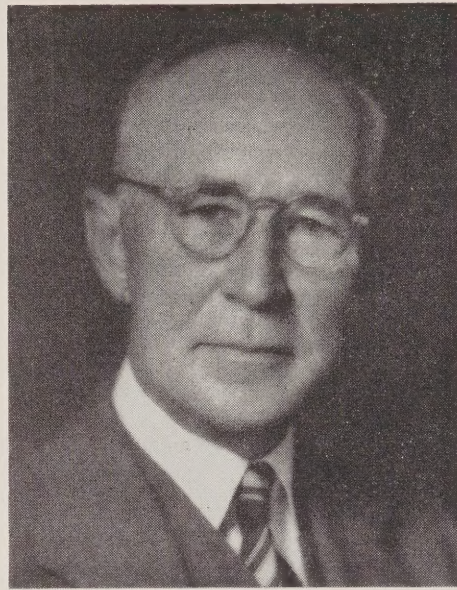
I believe that the reason I did not realize such a large percentage of our patients had benign conditions is that to me personally the problems, the time interval, and the other manifold difficulties are infinitesimal in the patient with benign disease as compared with the unfortunate individual with cancer. In the former patient, we will average perhaps three treatments that are easily planned and given; in the latter, forty to fifty treatments is not unusual in addition to radium therapy and all other devices in the oncologic armamentarium.

Of our 171 cancer patients, 80 presented cancers of the skin or mucous membranes, which generally have a very favorable prognosis. Ninety-one of our patients had deep seated, highly malignant neoplasms. It is in this group that our effort has been greatest, and only our five year survival rates will afford any statistical measure of our success. I do feel, however, that many of these patients who could not be saved have been comforted, and I feel that anyone who has had any part in accomplishing this can feel justifiable pride.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM H. BELL, JR., M.D.

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THOMAS J. HARKINS, 33°
*Sovereign Grand Inspector General in
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Past Grand Commander*

The man who is privileged to wear the insignia of the great Masonic Fraternity is a favored and fortunate individual. The Fraternity of which he is a part has a long and honorable history which reaches back into antiquity, and a record of progress and service to humanity.

Freemasonry is not only a system of moral and political philosophy—it is more than that. It is a way of life which appeals to the conscience and the intelligence of all normal human beings who are permitted to enter its portals. Its principles and ideals constitute the core around which our founding fathers, in their great wisdom, fashioned the American Way of Life, which all of us, as Americans, so devoutly cherish and which has come to be the hope-star of so many peoples of the earth.

The founding fathers of our Nation were men who were cultured, well informed, and familiar with the history of nations. They knew the causes of the decline and fall of nations and civilizations. In devising the documents embodying their plans for a nation of free, independent and self-reliant people, they took pains to avoid the pitfalls which weaken

or destroy free governments and lead to the miseries inevitably incident to despotism, totalitarianism and tyranny in whatever form—whether political or ecclesiastical.

Although there were only a very few Masons in the Colonies along the eastern coast of the new country, it is significant that a considerable majority of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were Freemasons, and the majority of the signers of the Constitution of the United States were, likewise, Freemasons and leaders in the Fraternity. These leaders, realizing that much of the troubles of the Old World grew out of the union between State and Church, in the way of wars, persecutions, inquisitions and stake-burnings, took the pains to provide for the complete separation of Church and State in the great American Republic.

Great totalitarian forces are desperately at work in practically every community of the United States trying to break down this principle of Church and State Separation. It should be observed that, in every country in the world where the principle of the separation of Church and State obtains, there Freemasonry grows and prospers; and, in every country where Church and Totalitarianism are in power, Freemasonry is suppressed, its property confiscated and members of the Fraternity assassinated, exiled, or incarcerated in prison.

Every Freemason owes it to himself, his country, and to the Fraternity, and to the memory of the founding fathers of our Republic, to constantly be on the alert to defend and fight for the preservation of the principles of our Constitution, especially the traditional American Doctrine of the complete Separation of Church and State. Only by the constant vindication and the perpetuation of this doctrine can we remain a free and independent people. Shall we protect and defend our Blessed Republic, or shall we, through apathy, neglect and indifference, allow it to be destroyed and our American freedoms along with it?

By THOMAS J. HARKINS, 33°

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Scottish Rite Ladies' Night at Jacksonville, N. C. March 21, 1957

A Ladies' Night Party was held at Camp Lejeune in the spacious Cowell Memorial Auditorium in Jacksonville, N. C. on the night of March 21st, and as usual a very large number of Scottish Rite Masons and their ladies, together with a good many Master Masons and their wives, were present.

The meeting was presided over by Brother George E. Roberts, 32°, who acted as Toastmaster. The following program was presented to the guests and was thoroughly enjoyed, particularly the vocal selections by Mrs. Frances Maddaford Witney and the Humorous Imitations by Mr. Edward Bloomberg.

PROGRAM

Toastmaster—George E. Roberts, 32°
 Invocation—Rev. R. H. Lucas, 32° KCCH
 Address of Welcome—John Hedrick Aman, 32°
 Response—Mrs. W. B. Quick
 Vocal and Instrumental Solos—Mrs. Frances Maddaford Whitney
 Humorous Imitations—Edward Bloomberg
 Introduction to Speaker—Jas. W. Brewer, 32°, K.C.C.H., and Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of N. C.
 Scottish Rite Masonry—Judge J. W. H. Roberts, 32°

There were approximately 325 people present, about half of whom were ladies and the principal speaker for the occasion, Judge J. W. H. Roberts, 32°, of Greenville, N. C. made a very stirring address covering the main points of Scottish Rite Masonry and interspersed his remarks with many humorous anecdotes and the party was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

The hope was expressed by the assembled guests that another Ladies' Party would be given them this Fall.



Scottish Rite Ladies' Night Dinner held at the Jacksonville City Hall Auditorium with over 300 members and guests attending from a wide area. Left to right are—George E. Roberts, Master of Ceremonies, Charlie A. Seifert, Secretary, George Faville, Chairman, Jimmy Brewer, Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of N. C., and Judge J. W. H. Roberts, Speaker of the evening.



James W. Brewer, 32°, K.C.C.H., of Greenville, N. C. introducing the Speaker.



Guests at the Jacksonville, N. C. Ladies' Night party listening to the main speaker, Judge J. W. H. Roberts, 32°, of Greenville, N. C.

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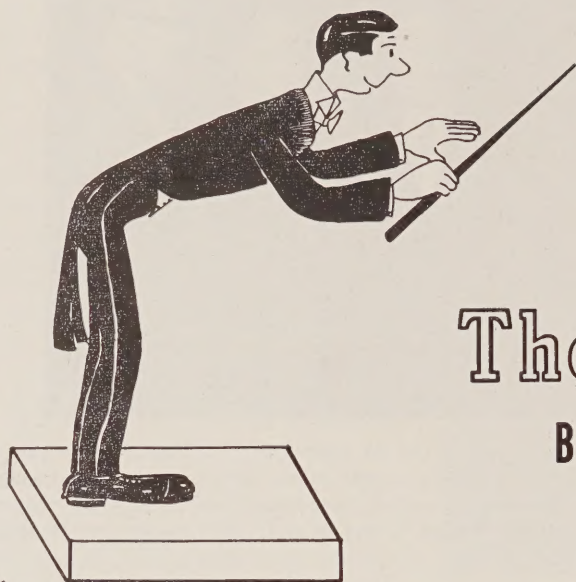
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BY GARRASON A. FARROW, 32°, K.C.C.H.

At the time of this writing the Spring Reunion is still before us, but I am doubtful if there will be time enough for this *Bagpipe* to be prepared and printed so as to reach you before the Reunion.

However, I can report that preparations are going forward nicely in our efforts to make this one of our most successful Reunions. Many of the degree teams have already held their rehearsals, and dates have been set for the others. During the last ten days I have received notices from several members volunteering their services to assist in the degree work. This is most encouraging and I am grateful to these Brethren for taking this step. At the present, we are fortunate in not having any vacancies, but should any occur, I will use this list in filling same.

The next important dates are Maundy Thursday, April 18th, and Easter morning, April 21st. Attendance at these Ceremonies is mandatory, and I trust each of

you will arrange to be present. Last year a Special Team was selected for the two Ceremonies, and our team did a most splendid work. If you were not present in 1956, please do not miss this year. They are wonderful. A full program will be mailed you in ample time.

In closing, let me ask each of you to

lend your presence during the Reunion and at the Maundy Thursday and Easter Morning Services. You will thereby not only assist in the great work of the Rite, but will derive an abundance of spiritual Grace and Benediction for yourself.

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Herbert Beaman, 32° ----- Rt. 2, New Bern, N. C.



HERE, THERE AND YONDER



SOLILOQUIES

By E. P. BLAIR, 33°, Vanceboro, N. C.

The success of any Movement depends to a large extent upon the activity of those individuals behind the scenes—those persons who are willing to give freely of their time, energy and talents without hope of reward that their Movement might endure, "that the show may go on."

This is the prime factor in the success of this great Movement of ours—Scottish Masonry. The God of Humanity has seemingly inspired those who have entered its portals to achieve for a noble and grander service. Some of the most important Acts are services performed in places far removed from the cheering crowds, re-

sounding bands, and flying banners.

It has always been a great source of inspiration to me to see those individuals from the length and breadth of our consistory come to New Bern twice each year—leaving their various vocations to partake in the business of portraying the eternal principles of Scottish Rite Masonry. Their work is of high order but the Fellowship and consecration is even higher; for it causes one to repeat over and over again the words of the immortal Albert Pike that Freemasonry builds its Temples in the hearts of men.

The Robing Room with its personnel make a definite and lasting contribution to the success of every Reunion; likewise

the Stage Crew working constantly behind the scenes help to make possible the effectiveness of the truths that are portrayed.

Yet there is another group, a larger group of consecrated, devoted souls who make it their business to see that there is a large class on hand each reunion time.

It is a great source of inspiration to see on the occasion of every Scottish Rite Party these individuals performing those acts of Service that help to make our classes the largest of any of our Consistories in North Carolina. Our able and beloved Secretary finds these faithful friends busying themselves with the preparation

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of the Parties seeing that the Ladies and Brethren are comfortable and that every detail is met with the same precision that characterized the efforts of the others who labor in their respective places.

In Cherry Point, and in Washington, the scene of the first parties no one could mistake the identity of these men—Maintenance Men or Aides, or what ever you wish to call them, Our Brothers in Scottish Masonry laboring in the broad level fields of fellowship with one thought in mind, that of sharing Scottish Masonry. The same situation will exist in Camp Lejeune, Elizabeth City, Greenville, Fort Bragg, Kinston, Wilson, and New Bern.

Not long ago a traveler going West on the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad was deeply impressed by the Rocky Mountains through which the train climbed its way. He was just as deeply impressed by the remoteness and loneliness of many small houses upon the heights and down in the valleys which he saw along the way. He asked the conductor, "Who lives in these terribly lonesome places?" "Oh," replied the conductor, "*those are the Maintenance people.*"

Let us keep this phrase indelibly impressed upon our memory. The Railroad must be kept going and they are the people who do it. They are unsung. They win no headlines. They endure remoteness and discomfort; they go beyond their regular line of duty but they want to maintain the Road.

This is especially true of Scottish Masonry; the faithful and devoted service of the men who hold the Fabric of Freemasonry together. They do not share in limelight. They do not occupy the high posts; they merely keep the whole thing going.

Yes, perhaps one of the largest factors in the progress of our great Movement is the Maintenance people; those serving Brothers throughout our Consistory whose desire it is that the road may be kept open in order that Fellow-travelers may find the summit of Freemasonry in the peaks of Scottish Rite.

ESSENTIALS

By CHAS. R. GRAY, 32°, K.C.C.H.

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Our actions, our speech and our thoughts emphatically announce to the world what we as individuals really are. If we are to keep the respect of our associates, we must be sure that our every action is above reproach. Let us then remember always to be kind, sincere and unselfish—in our business dealings, with friends and acquaintances and at home.

Through the gift of speech we are able to express ourselves to others. In words we find the power to lose or make friends. Words used wisely can be a great asset. At the same time, wrong words can be deadly and dangerous. Let us then be careful with our words, as well as our actions, and strive to keep our utterances meaningful and honest.

More than any other one thing, man's thoughts are responsible for his timeless struggle to climb onward and upward. Our thoughts establish our goal—we can never climb to any height beyond our thoughts—but with careful thinking it is possible to obtain our loftiest dream! Our thoughts make us what we are, good or bad. Let us learn, then, to discipline our thoughts—to teach ourselves and others to think cleanly, clearly and constructively.

In everything we do or fail to do, we are shaping our own characters. We must search well the skeleton of our everyday actions for any blemish that might mar the finished product. Character and honor

are the principles which lead to a successful life. We earn and hold our honor by vigilance in all our deeds and thoughts. These attributes are a priceless possession for all men, and should be cherished as such. They are not lightly obtained, and can be easily lost. Life without honor and character is meaningless. How futile and useless the man whose actions are selfish, whose thoughts are narrow and whose words are stupid! There is too much to be done with life to permit ourselves to destroy our birthright with indolence.

Let us strive to build strong characters and personalities—and above everything maintain honor. There is good in every man. We should take it upon ourselves to encourage and bring out the goodness in others. An honorable man is an asset

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JACKSONVILLE COMMENTS

By W. C. EDISON, 32°

We all welcome the return of the *Bagpipe* to circulation as one of our means of communication and publication of news concerning the craft.

The two Blue Lodges in Jacksonville are doing fine work and will turn out some mighty good men in the next few months whose interest and zeal would be an asset to New Bern Consistory No. 3. All Scottish Rite Masons in Jacksonville are enjoined to convince these gentlemen when eligible that, while all good men are not members of the Scottish Rite bodies, it is a very fine organization in which to become a better man.

A real effort will be made to develop these articles into an item of interest and benefit to the brethren and the Consistory. In view of the wonderful opportunities in the Scottish Rite this will be a pleasure. It is hoped that all members of the Bodies in this area will want to contribute something to the effort. A word from any of you will be appreciated.

FOR SALE:MASONRY

By ALAN G. ALCOCK, Greenville, N. C.

The enviable position that Masonry holds in the American community makes it easy for shysters to "sell" Masonic prestige. The fact that the inner workings of Masonry are held secret makes membership more coveted. Some frauds perpetrated against Masonry will demonstrate the desirability of the "profane" to secure the benefits and privileges accruing to legitimate Masons.

In the early 30's an Egyptian, with an aura of antiquity and properly stamped Masonic credentials, arrived in New York and established a King Solomon Grand Lodge in the Bronx. This swarthy son of

the Nile sold to thousands the Masonic degrees at \$300 apiece and vanished with enough money to build a Temple worthy of any legitimate Masonic contingent.

It was estimated, by a New York Supreme Court Judge, that over 300,000 Negroes and foreign born whites had been victimized throughout the state by tantalizing secrets and paraphernalia.

In 1935, in Ohio, an unscrupulous group of individuals established a National Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Free Masons of The U. S. Inc. Needless to say the courts intervened before this specious undertaking reached a too hazardous proportion.

Of course, the bargain hunter is not to be overlooked; nor those who ply the field of cut-rate selling. In Pennsylvania a lodge sprang up which sold initiation for \$21.00.

This decoy prostituted the name of Masonry to the tune of 20 local lodges before the fraud was properly dealt with.

OBSERVATIONS

T. BRUCE BOYETTE, 32°

The Wilson County Scottish Rite Club met Wednesday evening, March 6th, at Parker's Barbecue for its regular monthly meeting. Attending were some thirty-five Scottish Rite Masons and three prospective candidates. After a delicious supper, the brethren were entertained and inspired by addresses from the Reverend M. L. Johnson, Baptist Minister, and Dr. Ralph Fike, Potentate of Sudan Temple and a member of the club. President Alonza Honeycutt reviewed committee reports on the ladies' night party scheduled

for April 3rd. Interest in the club and Scottish Rite Masonry is high, and we hope to find Brother Charlie Seifert many fine candidates for the Spring Reunion. I know we will if Carl Aycock, Secretary for the club and the candidate gettingest man in the state, doesn't break a leg.

I can't think of anything that will build interest in Scottish Rite faster than a club organized along the lines of the Wilson organization. Immediately after a brother has received the third degree, some member of the club will have him as a guest at the next club meeting. He and his wife are invited to the semi-annual ladies' night parties. Both are impressed with the work of the club and with Scottish Rite Masonry in general. In this way, the prospective candidate is prepared to petition when given the opportunity—not because some brother has pressured him, but because he wants to become a part of the organization that he has seen in operation.

If any group of Scottish Rite Masons is interested in forming such a club in your city, please call on me, or any member of the club, and we will be most happy to assist you in every way. Here is a golden opportunity for the newly created aides to start something of which they can be justly proud.

The Wilson County Scottish Rite Club is happy to extend to the Nobles of Sudan a most gracious welcome to our fair city for the Spring Ceremonial. May your stay at our oasis be most pleasant and inspiring, and may you long for the day when we again may have the pleasure of your presence with us.

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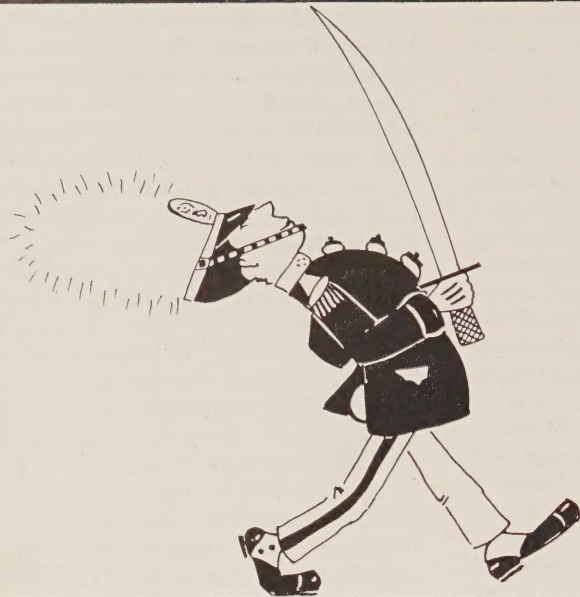
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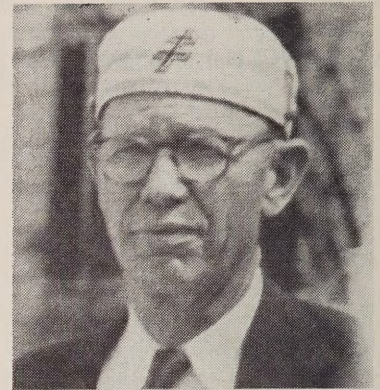
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THOS. G. SLATE, 33°

"AS I SEE IT"

I wish to thank Charlie Seifert, our beloved Secretary, for starting our *Bagpipe* which was discontinued several years ago. It was enjoyed then and I am sure will be enjoyed in the future. I thoroughly concur with Brother Pugh, this is one medium whereby each member though far away will have an opportunity to learn what is going on in his Consistory.

In April 1937 it was my happy privilege to be a candidate in a class of only nineteen. Being deeply impressed with the great truths as exemplified in the several degrees I decided then and there to offer my services and have some small part in the WORK. On returning in November Brother Raleigh Daniels, our class Lecturer, requested me to assist him with the Class. Since that date I have been serving as Class Marshal. About two years later Brother Daniels was killed in an auto accident and Brother Robert L. Pugh was selected as Class Lecturer. It has been wonderful to work with him over this long period and I must say I always enjoy not only his fine class work but the several parts he portrays in the degrees.

New Bern Consistory has had a wonderful growth under the fine leadership and foresight of Brother Charlie. He is always thinking of a bigger and better Consistory. In 1937 we had a member-

ship of about 500 and on Jan. 1, 1957 we show a membership of 3713, the largest in North Carolina by 264. How did this come about? We feel that in order to market our product we must have a good product, an attractive package, an advertising campaign and a good sales force. We know we have a good product. Confering degrees in a capable and impressive manner will impress candidates—that will be the attractive package. By advertising we must continue to carry our Scottish Rite to the Blue Lodge Masons over the territory with our Scottish Rite Parties. We MUST TALK MORE—WE WON'T GROW BY KEEPING QUIET—DON'T forget we have promised to bring LIGHT to our less informed brethren, so ADVERTISE. WHO constitutes the SALES FORCE—NOT just our SECRETARY and his officers and DEGREE TEAMS but EACH and EVERY MEMBER of YOUR CONSISTORY. With such a motivating force our membership will continue to show gains hitherto not experienced in this state but we MUST WORK and never sit down contented.

By THOS. G. SLATE, 33°

FROM THE CLASSROOM

(Continued from page 3)

ther Sherrod responded very appropriately.

The brethren of the Enfield Bodies made a special effort to bring out a class of candidates for this occasion that would fittingly bespeak their admiration and high regard of Brother Sherrod. They succeeded admirably and thirty-one members of the Class were an excellent testimony of the intense desire of the Enfield Bodies to make this the finest reunion they had ever had. Certainly those from New Bern who were in attendance on this occasion, were quick indeed to add their testimony to the extreme delight of the occasion.

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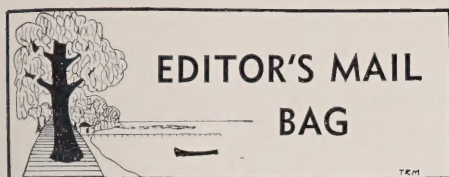
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All of the members of the Pitt County Shrine Club wish to congratulate you on your most recent elected post as secretary Emeritus.

If there is anything that any of us may assist you with during your next period of office, please do not fail to call on us.

With kindest regards and very best wishes.

Sincerely yours in the Faith,
JOE H. GOODSON, *Secretary*
Pitt County Shrine Club

2112 Walnut St.
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Dear Charlie:

The *Bagpipe* came. I have read it and enjoyed it. You are doing a wonderful job, putting out this publication. You have a good first-issue start. I look for other issues to be better and better. Your readers will start contributing and I'm sure you'll develop a well received publication.

With best personal regards.

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Dear Charlie:

I have just finished reading the Red Fez. Very sorry to see where you retired, but maybe you will get some rest now. Hope so anyway. Yes, you sure will be missed as the Red Fez says, and Noble Gillikin will have his hands full trying to fill your chair.

I would like to see you riding in your new car. So glad you received it.

Charlie, I want to thank you many times for all you have done for me in the past. You have been a dear friend to me all along and I will never forget you. Hope all of your family are well. You must have had a real nice meeting from

all accounts. Charlie, will Jake still have a job? Hope so anyway. I would like to have been there, but it is too cold for me. But I do hope to see you this spring. Now, I want you to know I shall blow your horn as long as I live. Best regards to Alfred Kafer please. Best of everything for you and yours.

I remain sincerely,
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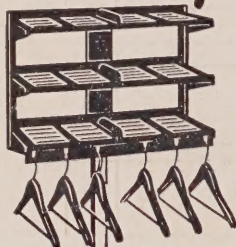
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